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In re application of:

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For: Microchemical Chip and Method For
Producing the Same

Art Unit: 1743

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TRANSMITTAL OF
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§1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the statement. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2).

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5. A list of 9 reference(s) is in the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

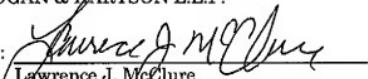
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NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE REFERENCES

- Enclosed is a Japanese language office action and its English translation for a counterpart application.
- The specification incorporates comments on the relevancy of Non-English language references.
- Set forth below are comments provided by the applicant's home country counsel on the relevancy of non-English language references: N/A

Respectfully submitted,
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER (Corresponds to WO 02/078845)	DATE 12/09/04	COUNTRY JP	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation
						YES NO
	02/078845 (Corresponds to JP 2004-536689)	10/10/02	WO			
	2003-047832	02/18/03	JP			Abstract
	10-507962 (Corresponds to WO 96/12541)	08/04/98	JP			X
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	2001-518614 (Corresponds to WO 99/17093)	10/16/01	JP			X
	99/17093 (Corresponds to JP 2001-518614)	04/08/99	WO			
	2002-527254 (Corresponds to WO 00/21659)	08/27/02	JP			X
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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